(b) if so, the terms of such Memoranda with namns of the States involved in these Memoranda;

(c) whether these Memoranda ensure huge earnings of foreign exchange;

(d) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor;

(e) whether Government propose to ask Mizoram State Government to sign such Memoranda of Understanding with some foreign countries to attract investment on tourism in that State; and

(f) if so, he details threof and if not the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD): (a) and (b) The following 3 Memoranda of Understanding have been signed by Karnataka State with Singapore based companies for tourism raleted projects;

(i) MOU with Chesterfield International Private Ltd. Singapore for the establishment of Intertional Convention Centre Complex.

(ii) MOU with REDEVCO PTE, LTD. Singapore for the establishment of Limousine and Coach Service Company.

(iii) MOU with Chesterfield International Private Limited, Singapore for building up of five Four Star Hotels in Bangalore, Mysore, Hasan, Shimoga and Hampi.

(c) and (d) The proposed projects will be adding to the general tourism infrastructural facilities in Karnataka. Once completed, these will attract more foreign tourists but it is not possible to quantify the foreign exchange earnings.

(e) ad (f) No such proposal exists at present, but it is for the State Governments to indentify the projects to attract foreign investment.

**Anti-dumping duty**

*116. SHRI PRAGADA KOTAIAH:
DR. SHRIKANT RAMACHANDRA JICHKAR:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is a proposal to levy anti-dumping duty on products imported into the country causing injury to our industrial products; and

(b) if so, what prevents Government to levy cess on exports of cotton yarn, the proceeds of which may be utilised to supply yarn at subsidised prices to help handloom industry which is struggling hard for survival against the long protected textile mills and powerlooms?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI M. V. CHANDRASHEKARA MURTHY): (a) As per the provisions of Section 9A of the Customs Tariff Act, 1975, where an article is exported from any country to India at

less than its normal value, then upon the importation of such article into India, the Central Government may impose n anti-dumping duty not exceeding the margin of dumping in relation to such article. In individual cases, such duties are levied after following procedures prescribed in the above mentioned Act and the rules framed thereunder.

(b) Levy of anti-dumping duty is possible only on goods imported into the country and not on goods exported from India. Also, in view of the various measures already taken by the Central Government for augmenting supply of hank yarn to handloom weavers, the proposal for levy of any cess on the export of cotton yarn is not being pursued.

**MOUs Submitted by Andhra Pradesh to Central Electricity Authority**

*117. SHRI V. HANUMANTHA RAO: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Central Electricity Authority has to clear power generation agreements signed by State Governments with private parties;

(b) the number of Memoranda of Understanding (MOUs) sent to Central Electricity Authority by Government of Andhra Pradesh; and

(c) the details of such MOUs submitted by Andhra Pradesh Government since 1st January, 1995?

THE MINISTER OF POWER (SHRI N. K. P. SALVE): (a) According to the Electricity (Supply) Act, 1948, any scheme costing more than Rs. 100 crores in the Power Sector has to be cleared by the Central Electricity Authority (CEA). The Act does not provide for approval by the CEA of Power Generation Agreements signed between the State Electricity Board (SEB) and the generating company.

(b) and (c) No Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) has been received in the CEA from the Andhra Pradesh Government.

**Restriction on External Commercial Borrowings**

*118. SHRI SURESH KALMADI: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have imposed fresh restrictions on external commercial borrowings, and

(b) if so, what are the new guidelines issued in this behalf?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI M. V. CHANDRASHEKARA MURTHY): (a) Goverlment has recently issued guidelines aimed at keeping our external commercial borrowing within prudent limits and providing a basis for allocating approvals for such borrowings.

(b) External commrecial borrowings by Indian firms for financing expansion or existing capacity and for new investment are permitted within annual ceilings consistent with prudent debt management.